

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE.

SENATE-CHAMBER.

City of New-York, October 18th, 1784.



HIS Excellency the Governor having by his Proclamation of the twentieth day of August last, called a Meeting of the Legislature at this place on the fourth day of this instant October, several Members met accordingly, and for want of a sufficient number to proceed to business, continued to meet and adjourn from day to day, till this day; when the following Gentlemen, as Members, appeared in the Senate-Chamber, viz,

From the Southern District,

Isaac Stoutenburgh,

Alexander Mc. Dougall,

Isaac Roosevelt,

William Floyd,

Lewis Morris,

James Duane,

Jacobus Swartwout,

John Haring,

William Allison,

Ephraim Paine.

From the Western District,

Abraham Yates,

William B. Whiting.

From the Middle District,

Joseph Gaserie,

From the Eastern District,

Mr. Floyd and Mr. Mc. Dougall, elected at the late election in the Southern District, having respectively taken the oath of allegiance and abjuration as prescribed by law, before the Honorable Walter Livingston, Esq; who attended in the Senate-Chamber for the purpose, took their seats.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor not being in town, the members present proceeded by ballot, to elect a President *pro hac vice*, when Abraham Yates, Esq; was elected, and conducted to the chair accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane and Mr. Floyd, wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Senate are ready to proceed to business.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt wait on the Honorable the House of Assembly, with a like message.

Mr. Duane reported, that Mr. Floyd and himself had waited on his Excellency with their message, when he was pleased to return them for answer, that he would immediately send a message to the Legislature.



Mr. Roosevelt reported, that he had waited on the Honorable the House of Assembly with his message.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, was received, (by his private Secretary,) requesting the immediate attendance of the Senate in the Senate-Chamber.

The Senate having attended with the Honorable the House of Assembly for the purpose, his Excellency delivered a Speech to the Legislature.

His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable the House of Assembly being withdrawn, the President resumed the chair, and informed the Senate that his Excellency had made a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, of which he had obtained a copy; the same being read, is in the words following, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and Assembly,*

SINCE the close of the last session, the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts have thought fit to set up a claim to lands which, it is to be inferred, from their Petition to the Honorable the United States in Congress, lie some where within the antient jurisdiction of this State, but in what part, or to what extent is left in obscurity. They have, notwithstanding, requested, that a Federal Court may be appointed for enquiring into and determining such claim; and Congress have accordingly assigned the first Monday in December next, for the appearance of both States, and such other proceedings as are directed by the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union. From the Act of Congress of the 3d day of June last on this subject, and the papers accompanying it, you will perceive the necessity of appointing Agents to manage the controversy on the part of this State; and of calling for an explicit description of the lands claimed by the Massachusetts, without which we must be exposed, in our defence, to unnecessary difficulties and expence. The importance of these measures, and the election of Delegates and of Members to compose a Council of Appointment, for the ensuing year, were the principal inducements to your being assembled at a season which I am sensible must be inconvenient.

The Acts of Congress of the 27th, 28th and 29th of April, respecting the arrears of interest of the national debt, and the expences for the year 1784, and a requisition of money to discharge the same, and another Act of the 3d of June, recommending it to this and some other of the States to raise a proportion of their militia for taking possession of the western posts, guarding the public stores and protecting the treaties with the Indians (all which are now laid before you) came to my hands some time after the last adjournment. It appeared to me impracticable after near six months had been spent by the Legislature in the public business without any intermission, to have convened you at an earlier period, and it was the less necessary, as before the recommendation for raising these troops was communicated to me, it had been discovered, that there was not the least probability they could this season be employed in the principle service for which they were intended. These different subjects are now submitted to your deliberate consideration, and I am persuaded, the result will be dictated by a regard to the sacred rules of justice, to the honor of the State, and to the principles of the federal compact.

*Gentlemen,*

The injury which the State sustains in its growth and settlement by the claims of absentees and aliens, to large tracts of uncultivated lands, call for your attention. These claimants contribute nothing to the exigences of Government, they retard the progress of improvement, while their estates continue to encrease in value by the labour and industry of the citizens who settle and cultivate the adjacent lands—Your wisdom will undoubtedly suggest some remedy consistent with the treaty, and the principles of equity, for a mischief which becomes daily more obviously detrimental.

I need not mention that the Legislature have long since seen the necessity of an estimate of the value of taxable property throughout the State; But the measures which they adopted for this purpose, have hitherto proved ineffectual; without it  
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Government cannot be administered on wise and fixed principles; for it neither can be known to what amount the whole State may be taxed without oppression, nor what is the comparative value of the wealth of the respective counties and districts, however essential to equal taxation, and for preventing those discords and animosities which too frequently take place in fixing of the quotas.

The management of the public revenue also wants system: There is no mode established for drawing the income, expenditures or debts, to a point; nor is it in the power of the best informed, at present, to produce a tolerable estimate of them, though it must be admitted that this is a branch of information so useful, that it cannot, without manifest inconveniency, be dispensed with.

A revision of our laws is also necessary, to digest them in one code, which shall include such of the acts of the late Colony, and of the British Statutes as are adopted by the Constitution; and to form a general regulation for highways, and the internal economy of districts and precincts, now continually calling for partial provision, is a work I would recommend as highly worthy of the consideration of the Legislature.

It is found by experience, that some of the laws of the last session, particularly the establishing an university in this State, and the impost act, require amendment, well to render them more easy in their execution, as more effectual in their operation. The officers acting immediately under them are directed to state for your information the defects which have been discovered.

Several other matters which I had the honor to lay before the Legislature at the opening of the last session, were not (for want of time) brought to maturity, and particularly a law for regulating the militia, and providing for magazines and arsenals, agreeably to our Constitution and the Confederation. These are of such importance to the honor and safety of the State, that I cannot omit repeating them.

I shall now leave with you such papers as I have received during the recess, and which may be necessary for your information, among these are the proceedings of the Commissioners of Indian affairs, containing a particular detail of their transactions, and the result of the business committed to them.

Gentlemen,

Altho' I have thought it my duty at the opening of a session to point out the various matters which appeared to me to claim the attention of the Legislature, yet should be found inconvenient to the members to continue long together at this time, such of them only, may be taken into immediate consideration, as cannot with safety, be delayed until the next meeting.

GEO. CLINTON.

City of New-York, 18th of October, 1784.

Ordered, That His Excellency's Speech with the papers accompanying the same, be committed to a Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That a respectful Answer be given by this Senate to his Excellency Speech, and that Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Floyd, be a Committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Duane moved for leave to bring in a bill, to amend an act, entitled, an Act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line, between this State and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March, 1783.

Ordered, That leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane according to leave brought in the said bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

The Senate according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on His Excellency the Governor's Speech; after some time spent thereon the President resigned the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee reported as their opinion,



nion, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the appointment of Agents or Commissioners, to manage the controversy on the part of this State, with respect to the claim set up by the State of Massachusetts to lands within the jurisdiction of this State, which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Duane, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Roosevelt be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Stoutenburgh further reported as the opinion of the Committee, that the papers relative to the raising of troops for the defence of the frontier posts, be referred to a special Committee, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Mr. Paine, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Gasperie be the special Committee to whom the said papers are referred.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

A memorial of David Richard Floyd, setting forth his claim to lands in Queens county, late in the possession of Thomas Jones, Esq; (since attainted) and praying the Legislature to prohibit the sale of the said lands; was read, and committed to Mr. Haring, Mr. Allison and Mr. Roosevelt.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING, October 19th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the same members as yesterday.

The bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an act, entitled, an Act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line, between this State and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March, 1783*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Duncomb and Mr. Thompson) was received with the following resolution for concurrence, viz.

Resolved, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Senate and Assembly will respectively on Wednesday next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, proceed to nominate five Delegates to represent this State in the United-States in Congress assembled.

Ordered, That the consideration of the aforesaid resolution be postponed till to-morrow.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Gelston and Mr. Talmadge) was received with the following resolution for concurrence, viz.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That a joint Committee of both Houses of the Legislature be appointed to prepare and report a bill for estimating the number of inhabitants, and ascertaining the taxable property within this State; and in case of such concurrence, that Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sickles, Mr. Adgill, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Youngs, be of the said joint Committee on the part of the House.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in their aforesaid resolution; and that Mr. Morris, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Paine be of the said Committee on the part of this Senate.

Ordered, That Mr. Gasperie carry a copy of the last preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, An act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line, between this State and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March, 1783*; after some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Floyd from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments and agreed to the same, which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read and agreed to by the Senate.

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Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.  
Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y M O R N I N G, October 20th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

Present, the same members as yesterday.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, An act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line, between this State and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March, 1783*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Duane from the Committee for that purpose appointed, brought in a bill to appoint Agents or Commissioners for vindicating the rights and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union of the United States; which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

The Senate according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the resolution of the Honorable of the House of Assembly of the 18th instant, received yesterday.

Thereupon Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in their resolution of the 18th instant, so far as it respects the nominating five Delegates to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That the Assembly and Senate will respectively on Tuesday next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, proceed to nominate five Delegates to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled; and that three of the said Delegates shall statedly attend agreeably to the recommendation of Congress of the 19th April last.

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry a copy of the preceding Resolutions to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A memorial of George Fisher, setting forth his having, at a great risque of his life and considerable expence, in July 1783, discovered and apprehended several persons in this city, (while a British garrison) who had counterfeited sundry Continental and State Securities, and praying to be reimbursed such expences; was read, and committed to Mr. Duane, Mr. Gasheie and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

Mr. Duane from the Committee for that purpose appointed, reported the draft of an Answer to his Excellency's Speech; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, when the same was committed to a Committee of the whole.

The Senate accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the Answer to his Excellency's Speech; after some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Duane from the Committee reported, that they had gone through the Answer, made several Amendments, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the Answer in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

T H U R S D A Y M O R N I N G, October 21st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the same members as yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, *An act to appoint Agents or Commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union of the United States*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.



The engrossed Answer to his Excellency's Speech, was read, and agreed to.  
*Ordered*, That the same be signed by the President in behalf of this Senate, and is in the words following, viz.

"The respectful answer of the Senate of the State of New-York, to the speech of his Excellency George Clinton, Esq; Governor of the State of New-York, General, and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same.

"Sir,

"WE, the Senate, in Legislature convened, return your Excellency our thanks for your speech.

"However inconvenient it may prove to our private affairs to attend at this season, the reasons assigned by your Excellency for convening the Legislature, are entirely satisfactory.

"After all the severe calamities by which this State hath been distressed in the progress of a vindictive war, we flattered ourselves, that the period was at length arrived, when we should have an opportunity to repair our misfortune without envy or interruption. Among the first to make a common cause with our Sister-State of the Massachusetts—among the first in strenuous and expensive exertions to maintain the war; and distinguished above all others by the weight and duration of our sufferings, we flattered ourselves that we had some claim to her friendship; at least that pretensions under a charter which had been annihilated and cancelled a century, and which but for the revolution could never have been brought into view, would not have been revived to interrupt our tranquillity. We agree with your Excellency, that the claim which that Legislature hath been pleased to announce, is so indefinite that it exposes us to great disadvantages in our defence, but such is our confidence, that the jurisdiction of this State can be supported by conclusive testimony, that we shall submit it with the utmost cheerfulness to an impartial tribunal.

"The several important acts of Congress to which your Excellency refers, are entitled to our attentive consideration; and you may be assured, that the result will be dictated by a regard to the sacred rules of justice, the Honor of the State and the principles of the federal compact.

"The injury which the State sustains by the claims of absentees and aliens to large tracts of uncultivated lands, is too manifest in itself, and too strongly enforced by your Excellency not to make a deep impression. While we wish to pursue this subject in strict conformity to the spirit of the treaty and the principles of equity, we do not hesitate to agree with your Excellency, that it is our duty to provide an effectual remedy.

"We have Sir, long experienced the want of fixed principles for equal taxation, and we acknowledge, that our endeavours to obtain this desirable object, have hitherto proved unsuccessful; but the difficulty with which it is attended ought not to discourage us from farther attempts, especially as the restoration of peace will render an estimate of the wealth of the State, and the comparative value of its respective counties and districts, which is so essential in imposing and apportioning the public taxes much more practicable.

The management of our public revenue with more system, and a revision and digest of our laws, which your Excellency so earnestly recommends, as well as the several other matters contained in your speech, require our serious deliberation—We wish however that the business of the present meeting may be drawn into as narrow a compass, as a due regard for the public safety will admit; and your Excellency may be assured that whatever may now remain unprovided for, will in the course of our winter sitting meet with all the attention which the great weight and importance of the several subjects require.

By order of the Senate,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Pres. *pro. hac vice.*

Senate Chamber, October 21, 1784.

*Ordered,*



Ordered, That Mr. Haring and Mr. M'Dougall wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the answer to his speech. Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, *October 22d, 1784.*

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same members as yesterday, (except Mr. Floyd, who was sick.)

Mr. Haring reported, that Mr. M'Dougall and himself had (agreeably to the order of yesterday) waited on his Excellency the Governor, when he was pleased (in consideration of Mr. Floyd's indisposition) to appoint half past eleven of the clock this forenoon, at Mr. Floyd's private chamber, to receive the Senate with their answer to his speech.

The President accordingly proceeded with the members of the Senate to wait on his Excellency with their answer to his speech, and having resumed the Chair, informed the Senate, that his Excellency was pleased to make a reply to the answer of the Senate, of which he had obtained a copy; the same being read, is in the words following, viz.

"Gentlemen,

"Be pleased to accept my sincere thanks for this very polite answer.

"Entertaining the highest confidence in the wisdom of the Legislature, and that their deliberations will be influenced by an invariable regard to the true interest of the State; it is with peculiar satisfaction I now receive your assurances, that the different matters submitted to your consideration will meet with the attention due to their importance.

G E O. C L I N T O N.

*New-York, 22d October, 1784.*

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING *October 23d, 1784.*

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present the same members as yesterday.

Mr. Floyd being still indisposed, the President proceeded with the members of the Senate, to his private chamber.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Gelston and Mr. Hemsen) was received with their resolution of concurrence with the Senate in their resolution of the 20th instant, respecting the nominating of five delegates, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Brinckerhoff and Mr. Jos. Lawrence) was received with the following bill for concurrence, viz. *An act further to continue the treasurer of this State in office*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A petition of Dr. Dirck Van-Ingen, setting forth his having served both as junior and senior surgeon in the general hospital in the northern department, and praying for allowance of depreciation; was read, and referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Roosevelt.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, *October 25th, 1784.*

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice.*

Mr. Haring,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Gatherie,

Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Whiting,

Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,

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The President and Members of the Senate again proceeded to Mr. Floyd's private chamber.

The bill, entitled, *An Act further to continue the Treasurer of this State in office*, was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole.

A petition of Philip Ph. Livingston, of the island of Jamaica, Esq; Christina Livingston, Thomas Jones, and the Rev. Doctor John H. Livingston, praying for leave to bring in a bill to vest the whole real estate of Philip Livingston, Esq; deceased, in the above-named Philip Ph. Livingston, and Isaac Roosevelt and Robert C. Livingston, Esquires, their heirs and assigns, for the payment of the debts due from the said estate, was read; thereupon

*Resolved*, (if the Hon. the House of Assembly concur herein) That Philip Ph. Livingston, Christina Livingston, Thomas Jones, and the Reverend Doctor John H. Livingston, four of the surviving devisees of Philip Livingston, Esquire, deceased, have leave to present to either House of the Legislature, at their next meeting, a bill to vest the whole real estate of the said Philip Livingston, deceased, in the petitioner Philip Ph. Livingston, and Isaac Roosevelt and Robert C. Livingston, Esquires, their heirs and assigns, for the payment of the debts of the said Philip Livingston, deceased; and that the petitioners previously cause a copy of this order to be published for the space of four weeks, in one of the public news-papers of this State.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Swartwout carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Hon. the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint agents or commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the articles of confederation and perpetual union of the United States*. After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING, October 26th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members (with addition of Mr. Finck and Mr. Floyd) as yesterday

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Goforth and Mr. N. Smith) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, "An act to appoint commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line between this State, and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March 1783,"* informing that they had passed the bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

The Senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled *An act further to continue the Treasurer of this State in office*. After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the Chair; and Mr. Finck, from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the bill without amendment, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring carry the bill to the Honourable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to the nomination of five delegates to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, for the ensuing year; and John Jay, Wall Livingston, John Lansing, jun. Zephaniah Platt, and Brockholst Livingston, Esquires, were openly nominated; thereupon

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That *John Jay, Walter Livingston, John Lansing, jun. Zephaniah Platt* and *Brockbolst Livingston, Esquires*; are nominated by this Senate, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That this Senate will meet the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the Assembly chamber, at such time as they shall appoint, to compare the lists of the persons nominated by the Senate and Assembly respectively, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, for the ensuing year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Swartwout carry a copy of the last preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A Message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Patterson and Mr. Burling) was received, with a resolution that they would immediately meet the Senate in the Assembly chamber accordingly.

The Senate accordingly met the Assembly in the Assembly chamber, and being returned, the President informed the Senate, that on comparing the respective lists of the Senate and Assembly, they were found to agree as to the names of *John Jay, Walter Livingston* and *John Lansing, jun. Esquires*; but that *Egbert Benson* and *Lewis Morris, Esquires*, were the other two persons nominated by the Honorable the House of Assembly; and that thereupon the Senate and Assembly proceeded to ballot; and that on the ballots being taken and told, a majority appeared in favour of *Egbert Benson* and *Zephaniah Platt, Esquires*: Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Honorable *John Jay, Walter Livingston, John Lansing, jun. Egbert Benson* and *Zephaniah Platt, Esquires*, are duly nominated and appointed delegates to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, for the ensuing year.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, in behalf of Catharine Bingham, according to leave, presented a bill, to vest the real estate of *Anthony Byvanck, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*; which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Duane from the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of *George Filher*, reported, that it appears to them that through the activity and public spiritedness of the memorialist, a combination for counterfeiting the notes of the Superintendent of Finance, and Treasurer of the United States, the paper money of the said States, and the bills of credit of this and several other States, was detected, and the counterfeit types and a large sum of counterfeit money seized, and the offenders arrested, while the British Garrison were in possession of the city of New-York; that in the opinion of your Committee the conduct of the memorialist was highly laudable; that it appears to your Committee, that the said memorialist expended Forty Pounds in executing this business, besides his loss of time, of which he makes no account. Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that the memorialist ought to be reimbursed the money so by him expended out of the public treasury; which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Mr. Swartwout, in behalf of the respective administrators, according to leave, presented the two following bills, viz. A bill to empower *Fernandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debeavois* and *John Vanderbilt, administrators with the will annexed to Jacobus Debeavois, deceased, to make a division of the real estate whereof the said Jacobus died seized and possessed; and to execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said will named, as fully in every respect as the said executors might or could do, if personally living, to perform the same; and a bill to empower Elizabeth Debeavois, Widow, and *Johannis E. Lott* and *John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debeavois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debeavois, and settle the accounts of the said estate*; which were respectively read the first time, and ordered a second reading.*

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y M O R N I N G, October 27th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday,

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The engrossed bill, entitled, *An Act to appoint agents or commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the articles of confederation and perpetual union of the United States*, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

The bill entitled, *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*; the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Ferdinandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debevois and John Vanderbilt, administrators with the will annexed to Jacobus Debevois, deceased, to make a division of the real estate whereof the said Jacobus died, seized and possessed, and to execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said will named, as fully in every respect as the said executors might or could do, if personally living to perform the same*; and the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Elizabeth Debevois, widow, and Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debevois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debevois, and settle the accounts of the said estate*, were respectively read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A petition of George G. Klock, of Montgomery county, praying that he may have the benefit of a certain location made by him on a farm of Henry W. Nellis, (attainted for his adherence to the enemy) was read, and ordered to be taken into consideration with the petition of John W. Nellis.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, in the words following, viz.

"Gentlemen,

"I Have the honor to lay before you, a letter from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, and their associates, dated the 21st of October instant, signed by Henry Glen Esq; as their president, on a subject so interesting to the State, that I trust it will meet your immediate consideration. You will also herewith receive several other letters and papers on Indian affairs, for your information---On these I shall forbear to make any comment; especially as the proceedings of the Commissioners, communicated at the opening of the session, contain a minute and faithful detail, not only of all their transactions, but also copies of every letter and message relative thereto; and will enable the Legislature to form a proper judgment of this interesting business.

G E O. C L I N T O N."

*New-York, 26th October, 1784.*

*Ordered*, That his Excellency's message, with the letters and papers accompanying the same, be committed to the Committee to whom the Governor's message was referred.

The Senate, accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on his Excellency's message: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Mr. Duane moved for an order of the Senate, that a bill be brought in to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited; on proof that such mortgages are satisfied. Thereupon

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Duane, prepare and bring in a bill for the purpose.

Mr. Duane, according to order, brought in the said bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY,



## THURSDAY MORNING, October 28th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Haring,  
Mr. Floyd,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Allison,Mr. Gasperie,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall.Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Morris.

A petition of the Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Low Dutch Congregation of Schoharie, setting forth the great distress of the Congregation, by the loss of their church and habitations, through the depredations of the enemy, in October 1780, and praying relief; was read, and committed to Mr. Finck, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Swartwout.

A petition of John Stephenson, a lieutenant in the British army, confined in gaol at the suit of Daniel Shaw, and praying the interposition of the Legislature; was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, altered the title in the words following, viz. *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, the elder, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING, October 29th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, the elder, deceased, in Trustees for the payment of his debts and other purposes*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

A petition of Daniel Ashcraft of Cumberland county, setting forth his sufferings from his attachment to this State, and praying a grant of land in the western country; and a petition of Johannis Wiest and others, of Kleine Esopus, late tenants under James Delancey, deceased, and since his decease, under Thomas Jones and Susannah Delancey, setting forth the terms under which they improved their respective farms, and praying relief; were respectively read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

A petition of Benjamin Palmer, of Westchester, respecting a Bridge built across Haerlem river, in 1756, and praying a compensation; was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Charles Mc. Evers, in behalf of his sister Catharine, the wife of William Bayard, Esq; setting forth her claim to certain houses deemed to be the property of the said William Bayard; and a petition of John Thompson, of this city, merchant, setting forth his having an unexpired lease from the said William Bayard, on one of the said houses, and praying for a preemption to the same; were respectively read, and referred to Mr. Paine, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Morris.



A petition of William Paulding, setting forth his appointment to supply the militia under General Clinton, for which he is still considerably indebted, and praying for permission to purchase from the Commissioners, as much lands as will upon appraisement amount to the balance of his account; was read, and committed to Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Floyd and Mr. Allison,

Mr. Paine moved for leave to bring in a bill *To remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines,* passed 12th July, 1782.

Ordered, That leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Paine, according to leave brought in the said bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Paine and Mr. John Smith,) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act to pardon Teunis Casey, alias Teunis Keire, of the felony therein mentioned;* which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the 27th instant, (by Mr. Paine and Mr. John Smith) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

"Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That John Mc. Kesson, Esq; Secretary to the late Convention of this State, do, with all convenient speed, cause the records and papers of the said Convention, to be delivered to the Secretary of this State; and that the Legislature will provide for the expence of the removal thereof.

With the same message was also received, the following resolution, viz.

"Whereas it is highly necessary, that this State should be speedily represented in Congress. Therefore

"Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Honorable John Jay, Egbert Benson and Zephaniah Platt, Esquires, three of the Delegates from this State, be requested immediately to repair to Trenton, and give their attendance in Congress."

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their two last preceding resolutions.

Ordered, That Mr. Allison carry a copy of the last preceding resolution of concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING October 30th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

The bill entitled, *An act to pardon Teunis Casey, alias Teunis Keire, of the felony therein mentioned,* and the bill, entitled, *An act to remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines,* passed 12th July, 1782; were respectively read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

The Senate unanimously resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill entitled, *An act to pardon Teunis Casey, alias Teunis Keire, of the felony therein mentioned.* After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill without amendment, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Floyd carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill without amendment.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY



MONDAY MORNING, November 1st, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Gatherie,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Whiting,

Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Allison,

Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Duane,

There not being a sufficient number to proceed to business, adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 2d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members (with addition of Mr. Haring and Mr. Swartwout) as yesterday.

The bill entitled, *An act to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited; on proof that such mortgages are satisfied*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A petition of Abraham Lott, as guardian of Gertrude and Andrew Coejemans, minors, praying for leave to bring in a bill, to empower him to execute deeds of conveyance in their behalf, for certain lands sold by the said guardian; was read, and committed to Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Haring and Mr. Paine.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Denning and Mr. Thompson) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to appoint Agents or Commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union of the United States*, informing that they had passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Whiting carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have concurred in their said amendments; and have amended the bill accordingly.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 3d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Hardenbergh and Mr. J. Sands) was received, returning the bill, entitled, *An act to appoint Agents or Commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union of the United States*.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Ferdinandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debevois and John Vanderbilt, administrators of the Will annexed to Jacobus Debevois, deceased, to make a division of the real estate of*



whereof the said Jacobus died seized and possessed, and to execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said Will named, as fully in every respect, as the said executors might or could do; if personally living to perform the same: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, altered the title in the words following, viz. *An act to empower Fernandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debevois and John Vanderbilt, administrators with the Will annexed, of Jacobus Debevois, deceased, to execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said Will named, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill with the Amendments, in at the table where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.*

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Elizabeth Debevois, widow, and Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debevois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debevois, and settle the accounts of the said estate:* After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, altered the title in the words following, viz. *An act to empower Elizabeth Debevois, widow, and Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debevois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debevois, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.*

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, November 4th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Haring,

Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Gasperie,  
Mr. Allison,

Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Roosevelt.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to empower Fernandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debevois and John Vanderbilt, administrators with the Will annexed to Jacobus Debevois, deceased, to execute the trust power and given to the executors in the said Will named,* was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to empower Elizabeth Debevois, widow, and Johannis E. Lott and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debevois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debevois, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes,* was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Paine carry the said two bills to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence to the said bills, respectively.

A petition of John R. Bleeker, Goldsbrow Banyar and Henry Ten Eyck, praying for a law to enable the petitioners to make partition of the tract of land therein described; was read, and committed to Mr. Paine, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Whiting.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages, made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited, on proof that such mortgages are satisfied:* After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the



the bill, made several amendments thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, November 5th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members (except Mr. Townsend) as yesterday.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited; on proof that such mortgages are satisfied*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*; reported, that they had made some further progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, November 6th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

A message from his Excellency the Governor, transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly, was received, and read in the words following, viz.

"GENTLEMEN,

"As the proposals contained in the letter and papers which accompany this message come from a character truly respectable; and appear to have been influenced by desire to promote the great cause of religion and humanity, I am persuaded they cannot fail to engage your serious attention.

New-York, 3d Nov. 1784.

G E O. C L I N T O N."

The letter and papers referred to in his Excellency's message, were also read.

Ordered, That his Excellency's message, with the papers accompanying the same, be committed to the Committee to whom the Governor's speech was referred.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Forsyth) was received, with their resolution of concurring with this Senate in their resolution of the 25th ult. for granting leave to four of the surviving devisees of Philip Livingston, Esq; deceased, to bring in a bill for the purposes mentioned in the said resolution.



Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relating to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 22th July, 1783*; reported, that they had made some further progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that his Excellency the Governor be requested to inform the Honorable the Chancellor and Chief Justice of this State by express, that the business of the Legislature requires their immediate attendance as members of the Council of Revision.

Ordered, That Mr. Gasperie carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Ford and Mr. P. W. Yates) was received with their resolution of concurring with the Senate in the last preceding resolution.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

### MONDAY MORNING, November 8th, 1784

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

#### PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Stoutenburgh,

Mr. Whiting,

Mr. Gasperie,

Mr. Duane

Mr. Haring,

Mr. Finck,

Mr. Roosevelt,

Mr. Paine,

Mr. Mc Dougall

Mr. Swartwout,

Mr. Allison,

Mr. L'Hommiedieu,

Mr. Morris.

Mr. L'Hommiedieu elected at the late election in the southern district, having taken the oath of allegiance and abjuration as prescribed by law, before the Hon. John Stobbs Hobart, Esq; who attended in the Senate Chamber for the purpose, took his seat.

A petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Orange, praying the revival and amendment of the law respecting the payment of debts, due to persons within the enemy's lines; was read, and committed to a committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the said bill for the payment of debts, &c.

A petition of Christopher Colles, proposing a plan for inland navigation, on the Mohawk river, was read, and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. Finck and Mr. Whiting.

A petition of David Cady, of Kings district, a wounded soldier, praying compensation for the loss of his accoutrements and the expences of his surgeons, was read and committed to Mr. Gasperie, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Allison.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

### TUESDAY MORNING, November 9th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

#### PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*,

And the same members (except Mr. Haring) as yesterday.

A petition of Nicholas and Peter De Reimer, Henry Shute and Peter Webber, setting forth their claim to land in the Bowry, called Dominis Farm, and offering the same to the State for a reasonable compensation; was read, and committed to Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Paine and Mr. L'Hommiedieu.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY



## WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 10th, 1784

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members (with addition Mr. Townsend) as yesterday,

A Memorial of John Smith and others, freeholders and Inhabitants of the borough and town of Westchester, setting forth their having elected their trustees on another day as that fixed by charter; as also their leasing the mills for a longer time than they were authorised by law to do, and praying the sanction of the Legislature to such election and lease, respectively; was read, and committed to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Morris and Mr. Townsend.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to remove certain doubts which have arisen respecting a certain act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*; reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added two clauses thereto, altered the title in the words following, viz. *An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill with the Amendments, in at the table; where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. N. Smith and Mr. Visscher) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a Custom House*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading. Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

## THURSDAY MORNING, November 11th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Gatherer,  
Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Whiting.

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,

Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

The bill entitled, *An act for the establishment of a Custom House*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING, November 12th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.



A petition of Samuel Striker, (for himself, and as executor of Garret Williamson, deceased) of Graves-End in Kings county, praying to be relieved against judgment obtained by default; was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (delivered by Mr. Chief Justice) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an act, entitled, An act to appoint Commissioners to complete the running of a jurisdiction line between this State and the State or Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the 17th day of March, 1782.* should become a law of this State.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Doughty) was received, with the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That it be recommended to Congress, to allow to Dirck Van Ingen, the depreciation of the pay he received for the time he served as a Surgeon in the General Hospital, notwithstanding his being deranged as a supernumerary, by the act of Congress of the 30th of September, 1780. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the last preceding resolution.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Doughty and Mr. Becker) was received, with the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That it be recommended to Congress, to make good the depreciation of his pay to Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Reginier de Rouffi, notwithstanding his leaving the service of the United States, previous to the tenth day of April, 1780; and also to make good the depreciation to Lieutenant Duncan Campbell, a supernumerary officer in Colonel James Livingston's regiment, in the service of the United States. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in the last preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend carry copies of the two last resolutions of non-concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (delivered by Mr. Chief Justice) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled *An act to appoint Agents or Commissioners for vindicating the right and jurisdiction of the State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, pursuant to the Article of Confederation and perpetual Union of the United States,* should become a law of this State.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Doughty) was received, with the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) that Daniel Mowris, a private in Captain Hardenbergh's company, in the regiment of Continental Troops then commanded by Rudolphus Ritzma, and who was wounded in a battle opposing the British forces on the 28th day of October, 1776, be allowed the sum of twenty shillings and eight pence per month, from the first day of January 1777, to the present day, as a partial support, agreeable to the acts of Congress and the law of the State, in such cases made and provided; the said Daniel Mowris having produced to the Legislature the necessary certificates to entitle him thereto." Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the last preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend carry a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. N. Smith and Mr. Visscher) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the delegates from the State to Congress, be instructed to inform that Honorable body, that if Congress should think proper to remove to this city, this State will endeavour to make their residence agreeable, and that proper accommodations for transacting the general business, and the entertainment of the members can be easily provided; thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in the preceding resolution.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That the delegates in Congress for this State, be instructed, in case Congress should be determined to remove from Trenton, and should be disposed to reside in the city of New-York, to assure them, that their residence therein would be agreeable to the citizens of this State, and such accommodations will be provided for them as the present circumstances of the city admit.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry a copy of the two preceding resolutions to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a custom house*; after some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Finck, from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 13th; 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun, Esq; President, *pro hac vice*,

And the same members as yesterday.

A memorial of Ann White, widow and relict of Thomas White, late deceased, in behalf of the Heirs of the late Captain John Anderson, deceased, was read, and committed to Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. L'Hommedieu and Mr. Whiting.

A petition of the elders and members of the German Reformed Church, in the city of Albany; and a petition of the elders and trustees of the German Reformed Church of Conajohary, respectively setting forth the distress of their congregations by reason of the late war, and praying the aid of the Legislature; were severally read, and committed to Mr. Duane, Mr. Paine and Mr. Mc. Dougall.

A memorial of Mathew Du Bois, late assistant commissary of forage, setting forth his advancing monies for the public service, which is since become a private debt, and praying the Legislature to grant him relief; was read, and committed to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Swartwout and Mr. Morris.

A petition of Abraham Lott, praying that a certain instrument in writing therein mentioned, may be declared void, and that he may by law be enabled to pay the debts of the copartnership of Lott and Low, by a sale of the real estate belonging thereto; was read, and committed to Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Paine and Mr. Morris.

A petition of Abraham Beach, praying leave to bring in a bill for the sale of the real estate of Anne Ivory, widow, deceased, agreeably to her last will and testament, was read; thereupon

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That Abraham Beach, administrator, with the will annexed to the estate of Anne Ivory, deceased, have leave to present to either House of the Legislature at their next meeting, a bill to empower the said administrator to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Anne Ivory, and to apply the proceeds thereof for the purposes mentioned in the said will; and that the said administrator previously cause a copy of this order to be published for the space of four weeks in one of the public news-papers of this State.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roosevelt carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A petition of the president, directors and stockholders of the bank of New-York, praying a law to incorporate the said bank, was read; thereupon

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Dougall prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Mc. Dougall, according to order, brought in a bill, *for incorporating the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of the State of New-York*; which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Mr.



Mr. Whiting, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Cady, a wounded Soldier of King's district, reported, that it is the opinion of the Committee, that the said David Cady, conformable to the acts of Congress and the law of this State, hath produced the certificates necessary and fully sufficient to entitle him to receive the one half of his monthly pay, from the time of his being wounded when in public service, opposing the British forces during the late war; which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate; thereupon

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that David Cady, late a private soldier in Capt. Skinner's company, in the regiment of levies, commanded by Col. Marinus Willet, conformable to the acts of Congress, and the law of this State in such case provided, hath produced the certificates necessary and fully sufficient to entitle him to receive one half of the monthly pay, allowed to a private soldier, from the time of his having been wounded in the public service, opposing the British forces during the late war; and that the auditor for this State in auditing the accounts of the said David Cady, be directed to allow him the one half of the monthly pay, which was allowed to a private soldier, from the time of his having been so wounded in the service of his country, and thereby rendered unable to acquire a subsistence, on his producing to the auditor a certificate from his commanding officer of the time of his being so wounded.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roosevelt carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Randall and Mr. J. Sands) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, imported into this State*; which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. N. Smith and Mr. Ford) was received and read in the words following, viz.

*Ordered*, (If the Honorable the Senate shall concur therein) That Abraham Lott, guardian of Andrew Coejamans, and Gertrude Coejamans, who are minors, have leave to bring in a bill at the next meeting of the Legislature, to enable him to sell and convey in fee simple, the real estate of the said minors, on his having previously caused a copy of the petition, and of this order, to be published for the space of six weeks, in two of the public news-papers printed in this State; thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding order.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allison carry a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Ford and Mr. N. Smith) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur therein) That Joseph Van North, formerly a private in Col. Du Bois's regiment, of the line of this State, in the service of the United States, having been wounded at Fort Montgomery, in opposing the British forces and afterwards in January 1780, struck off the muster-roll of the said regiment, as unfit for duty, being disabled by his wounds, and since discharged by the commander in chief of the said army, do receive the sum of twenty-six shillings and eight-pence per month as a partial support from January 1780, until this day, he having produced to the Legislature the necessary certificates to entitle him to the same; thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whiting carry a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Finck, from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a custom house*, reported, that they had made some further progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY



MONDAY MORNING, November 15th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. L'Homme,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Gathrie,Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Haring,  
Mr. Allison,Mr. Mc Dougall,  
Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Finck.

The bill, entitled, *An act for incorporating the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of the State of New-York*, and the bill entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize imported into this State*, were respectively read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring be added to the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Paulding, on the 29th of October last.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act further to continue the Treasurer of this State, in office*, and the bill, entitled, *An act to pardon Tennis Casey, alias Teunis Kiere, of the felony therein mentioned*, should severally become laws of this State.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Dunscomb and Mr. Baker) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jane Blake, and the creditors of her late husband, Jonathan Blake, deceased*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Dunscomb and Mr. Baker) was received, with a resolution of concurring with the Senate in their resolution of the 12th instant, respecting instructing the Delegates in Congress for this State, in case Congress should be determined to remove from Trenton.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Thompson) was received, with a resolution of concurring with the Senate in their resolution of the 13th instant, for granting leave to Abraham Beach, to bring in a bill at the next meeting of the Legislature, for the purposes therein mentioned; as also concurring in their resolution of the same day, for granting half pay to David Cady, a wounded soldier.

Mr. Finck from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a Custom House*, reported their proceedings as follows, viz. That on coming to the clause which allows the Surveyor and Searcher his annual salary, Mr. Morris moved that the words *two hundred and fifty pounds* be expunged, and the words *three hundred pounds* inserted in their stead.

Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows, viz.

## For the Affirmative.

Mr. Gathrie,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Morris,Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Roosevelt,Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Swartwout,

## For the Negative.

Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Allison,Mr. Yates,  
Mr. L'Homedieu,

Mr. Townsend.

Mr. Finck further reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added a clause thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly,



and inform them that the Senate have passed the Bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the bill, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, imported into this State*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 16th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

The Bill, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jane Blake, and the creditors of her late husband, Jonathan Blake, deceased*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Paine) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur therein) That two additional Delegates be nominated and appointed, to represent this State in the United States in Congress assembled; and that in case of such concurrence, this House will to-morrow, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, proceed to such nomination. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Paine carry a copy of the last resolution of non-concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. D'Witt and Mr. Remsen) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*; which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, imported into this State*, reported, that they had made some further progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until half past three of the clock in the afternoon.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Baker and Mr. Corfen) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a Custom House*, informing that they do not concur with the Senate in the two amendments to the bill which tend to increase the salaries or allowances to the Collector, and the Surveyor and Searcher; and do concur in the other amendments to the said bill.

The Senate proceeded to the reconsideration of the amendments not concurred in by the Honorable the House of Assembly, and upon the President putting the question whether the Senate do recede from the first of the said amendments, which raised the

Collectors



Collector's salary to *sixteen hundred pounds* per annum; it was carried in the affirmative by all the members present, except Mr. Duane and Mr. Mc. Dougall, (Mr. Morris being absent at the time the question was put.)

The President then put the question, whether the Senate do recede from their second amendment, which raised the Surveyor and Searcher's salary to *three hundred pounds* per annum, when it was carried in the affirmative by all the members present, except Mr. Duane, Mr. Mc. Dougall and Mr. Stoutenburgh. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do recede from their amendments to the bill, not concurred in by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the bill, with a copy of the preceding resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Stoutenburgh, from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, imported into this State*, reported their proceedings, as follows, viz.

That upon coming to the ninth enacting clause, Mr. Paine moved that the same be expunged. Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows, viz.

#### For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Galherie,

Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Haring,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Whiting,

#### For the Negative.

Mr. L'Hommedieu,  
Mr. Roosevelt,

Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Morris.

That Mr. Mc. Dougall then moved for a reconsideration of the said ninth clause. Debates arose, and upon the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows, viz.

#### For the Affirmative.

Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Duane,

Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Townsend,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Haring,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,

#### For the Negative.

Mr. Galherie,  
Mr. Paine,

Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Yates.

That Mr. Haring moved, that the word *sixty*, in the 3d line of the said ninth enacting clause, be expunged, and the word *thirty* inserted in its stead. Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative, as follows, viz.

#### For the Negative.

Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Townsend,

Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,

Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Paine,

#### For the Affirmative.

Mr. Yates,  
Mr. Galherie,

Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Haring,

Mr. Whiting.

That upon the question being put on the clause, it passed in the affirmative, as follows, viz.

#### For the Affirmative.

Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Townsend,

Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,

Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Whiting,

#### For the Negative.

Mr. Yates,  
Mr. Galherie,

Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Haring,

Mr. Paine.

Mr. Stoutenburgh further reported, that they had gone through the bill, made an amendment thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the



the bill and Amendment, in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Swartwout carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendment therewith delivered.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jane Blake, and the creditors of her late husband, Jonathan Blake, deceased*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. L'Hommédieu from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made amendments thereto, struck out the proviso, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Gaherie carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 17th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

The bill, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A petition of James Blackwell, a petition of John De Wint, jun. a petition of Archibald Kerly, and a petition of a number of inhabitants of the city of Albany, in behalf of James Lowry; were respectively read, and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors.

A petition of Lieutenant Duncan Campbell, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That his Excellency the Governor be requested to inform the Honorable Robert R. Livingston and Egbert Benson, Esquires, by express, that the Legislature rely on their services as Counsellors and Agents for this State, against the claims of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts; and that it is expected, they will accordingly repair to Trenton by the first day of December next, to assist in the appointment of a Federal Court, for determining the said controversy.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Duane carry a copy of the preceding resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. L'Hommédieu, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas and Peter De Riemer, Henry Shute and Peter Webber, reported, that in the opinion of the Committee, the prayer of the petitioners cannot be complied with; which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Mr. Haring from the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of David Richardson and Floyd, reported, that in the opinion of the Committee, a bill should be ordered to be brought in at the next meeting of the Legislature, to enable the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District, to lease to the memorialist, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments, late of Thomas Jones, Esq; situate in Queens county; which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

*Ordered*,



Ordered, That Mr. L'Honnédieu and Mr. Stoutenburgh, prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose, at the next meeting of the Legislature. Mr. L'Honnédieu from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Smith and others, of Westchester, with leave, brought in a bill, to remove doubts concerning the Corporation of the Borough and town of Westchester, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading. Mr. Duane moved for leave to bring in a bill, to amend an act, entitled, an act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called King's College, for changing the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed the first day of May, 1784.

Ordered, That leave be taken accordingly. Mr. Duane, according to leave brought in the said bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hopkins) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a Custom House*, informing, that the bill is amended agreeable to the amendments concurred in by that Honorable House.

The said bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Gellston and Mr. John Smith) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, imported into this State*, informing, that they had concurred with the Senate in their amendment to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.

The said bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Gellston and Mr. John Smith) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jane Blake, and the creditors of her late husband, Jonathan Blake, deceased*, informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.

The said bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Gellston and Mr. John Smith) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act respecting certain prosecutions existing in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A petition of Cornelius Ter Bush, a petition of Archibald and John B., and a petition of Frederick N. Saunder; were respectively read, and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Patterson and Mr. Almadage) was received, with a resolution of concurring with the Senate in their resolution of this morning, requesting his Excellency the Governor, to forward an express to the Honorable Robert R. Livingston and Egbert Benson, Esquires, for the purpose therein mentioned.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thompson and Mr. King) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the Senate concur therein) That Sylvanus Seely, late private in the regiment of levies commanded by Col. Morris Graham, in the service



of the United States, hath produced proper certificates that he was wounded while in the service of the United States, opposing the British forces during the late war, and is thereby rendered unable to acquire a subsistence---That twenty-six shillings and eight-pence per month be allowed to the said Sylvanus Seely, as a partial support, from the thirteenth day of April, 1778, when he was so wounded, to the fifteenth day of November instant; and that the Auditor of this State, do audit his account accordingly.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Swartwout carry a copy of the last concurrent resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, November 18th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

#### P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Haring,  
Mr. Gatherie,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Swartwout,

Mr. Allison,  
Mr. L'Hommiedieu,  
Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Whiting,

Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Mc Dougall.

The bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, An act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called King's College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed the 1st day of May, 1784*; the bill, entitled, *An act to remove doubts concerning the Corporation of the borough and town of Westchester*, and the bill, entitled, *An act respecting certain prosecutions existing in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State*, were respectively read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A petition of Duncan Mc. Dougall, was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Finck from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Paine and Mr. Jeffrey Smith) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, An act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called King's College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed the 1st day of May, 1784*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Whiting from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Mr. Finck from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*, reported, that they had made some further progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

Friday



FRIDAY MORNING, November 19th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

The bill entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A representation of the present condition of Columbia College, in this State, was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the bill, for granting certain privileges to the College, &c.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the 15th instant, (by Mr. Adgate and Mr. Paine) was read in the words following, viz.

"Resolved, (If the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Legislature will adjourn on Saturday next." Thereupon

Resolved, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend carry a copy of the preceding resolution of non-concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Whiting from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, an act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called Kings College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed the 1st day of May, 1784*, reported their proceedings as follows, viz.

That Mr. L'Hommedieu moved, that the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ be advanced to the Re- of the University of the State of New-York, for the use of Columbia College. Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Gatherie,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Duane,Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Swartwout,Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,  
Mr. Roosevelt,

For the Negative.

Mr. Yates,

Mr. Allison,

Mr. Paine.

That Mr. L'Hommedieu then moved, that the sum so to be advanced to the said Re- sents, be 2552l. That Mr. Yates then moved, as an amendment, that the sum so to be advanced, be 1000l. and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative, as follows, viz.

For the Negative.

Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Gatherie,  
Mr. Duane,Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Haring,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,Mr. Morris,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Yates,Mr. Allison,  
Mr. Paine,

Mr. Swartwout.

That the question being then put on Mr. L'Hommedieu's motion, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, viz.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Duane,Mr. Haring,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,  
Mr. Morris,Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Roosevelt,

For the Negative.

Mr. Gatherie,  
Mr. Finck,Mr. Yates,  
Mr. Allison,Mr. Paine,  
Mr. Swartwout.

That Mr. Finck then moved, that a clause be added to the bill, to direct the Treasurer of this State, to advance the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ hundred pounds, on account, to the trustees of the different Congregations on the Frontiers of this State, to enable them to rebuild their Churches, and for the establishment of Schools among them. Debates arose



arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative by all the members present, except Mr. Yates and Mr. Finck.

Mr. Whiting further reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Finck from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to revise and amend an act, entitled, an act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added a proviso thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Donnell carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Goforth and Mr. Baker) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, the elder, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*, informing that they had passed the bill without amendment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Hardenbergh and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, an act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782*, informing that they had passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the second clause of their proposed amendments to the bill, and do not concur in the other three clauses of their said amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the bill, with a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act respecting certain prosecutions existing in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State*. After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, struck out the preamble, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allison carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 20th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun, Esq; President, *pro hac vice*,

And the same members as yesterday.

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The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, an act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called Kings College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed the 1st day of May, 1784, was read a third time.*

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whiting carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Broughty) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Ferdinandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debeavois and John Vanderbilt, administrators with the will annexed to Jacobus Debeavois, deceased, to execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said will named, and the bill, entitled, An act to empower Elizabeth Debeavois, widow, and Johannis E. Brott and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debeavois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debeavois, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes, informing that they had passed the said bills, respectively, without amendment.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morris carry the said two bills to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Mesfereau) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act respecting certain prosecutions existing in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, informing that they have concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.*

The said bill having been examined;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Paine return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Mesfereau) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to explain and amend an act, entitled, an act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782, informing that they had receded from their proposed amendments to the bill, not concurred in by the Senate.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. Paine carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the bill is amended agreeable to the amendment concurred in by the Senate.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hopkins) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act to exempt Ludwig Loub and Peter Learman, and Jonas Denton, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, from paying any part or share of the produce of the mines therein mentioned, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.*

Mr. Roosevelt from the Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Anne White, with the affidavit of Robert R. Waddell and John Kelly, respecting Thomas White's title to a house and lot of ground in Wall-street in the city of New-York, which house and lot of ground was lately occupied by the said Thomas White, and deemed to have been his property before, and at the time of his attainder, reported, That in the opinion of the Committee, the title to the said house and lot, is at present doubtful; and that it would be expedient for the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District, to defer the sale of the said house and lot till the further order of the Legislature, in order that a further examination may be had in the said title. That the Committee therefore proposed a resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate, and is in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (If the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) That the Commissioners of Forfeitures for the Southern District, be directed to stay the sale of the house and lot of ground in Wall-street in the city of New-York, lately occupied by Thomas White, and deemed to have been his property before and at the time of his attainder, for the term of one year, that the said Commissioners may have further opportunity to examine the title to the said premises.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Paine carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.



Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made an amendment, by adding a clause thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendment in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendment therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until four of the clock in the afternoon.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to remove doubts concerning the Corporation of the borough and town of Westchester*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Finck from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added a proviso thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

MONDAY MORNING, November 22d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment;

PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. Swartwout,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Townsend,

Mr. Galeric,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Whiting,  
Mr. Paine,

Mr. Duane,  
Mr. Allison,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu,  
Mr. Morris.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act to remove doubts concerning the Corporation of the borough and town of Westchester*, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

The bill entitled, *An act to exempt Ludewig Shoub and Peter Leatman, and Jonas Denion, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, from paying any part or share of the produce of the mines therein mentioned*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the said bill: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Allison from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill without amendment, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, without amendment.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Sickles) was received, returning the bill, entitled, *An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, an act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782.*

*Ordered*,



Ordered, That Mr. Stoutenburgh carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Sickles and Mr. Cooper) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*, informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.

The said bill having been examined;

Ordered, That Mr. Swartwout return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Duane moved for leave to bring in a bill, for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for the confinement of vagrants and lewd women, to hard labour.

Ordered, That leave be given accordingly.

Mr. Duane, according to leave brought in the said bill, which was read the first time, and by the unanimous consent of the Senate, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for the confinement of vagrants and lewd women, to hard labour*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Clark and Mr. J. Andis) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*, informing that they do not concur with the Senate in their amendment to the bill.

Resolved, That the Senate do recede from their amendment to the bill, not concurred in by the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That Mr. Townsend carry the bill, and a copy of the preceding resolution, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 23d, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members (except Mr. Gatherie) as yesterday.

Mr. Morris from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for the confinement of vagrants and lewd women, to hard labour*, reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be engrossed.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Hardenbergh and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act to com-*



pel the payment of the arrears of taxes, and other purposes, which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed bill, entitled, *An act for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New-York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for the confinement of vagrants and lewd women, to hard labour*, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence.

The bill entitled, *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, and other purposes*, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y M O R N I N G, November 24th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council that the bill, entitled, *An act for the establishment of a custom house*, and the bill, entitled, *An act imposing duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize imported into this State*, and the bill, entitled, *An act for the relief of Jane Blake, and the creditors of her late husband Jonathan Blake, deceased*, should severally become laws of this State.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act respecting certain prosecutions existing in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State*, and the bill, entitled, *An act instituting a court for the trial of impeachments, and the correction of errors*, should severally become laws of this State.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, and other purposes*: After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until half past three of the clock in the afternoon.

Half past 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A petition of John Gray, jun. of Vermont, late a soldier in the service of this State, praying compensation for the time of his captivity, was read, and committed to Mr. Allison, Mr. Gasherie and Mr. Whiting.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Justice Hobart) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to vest the real estate of Anthony Byvanck, the elder, deceased, in trustees, for the payment of his debts*, and the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Fernandus Suydam, Elizabeth Debevoise and John Vanderbilt, administrators with the will annexed to Jacobus Debevoise, deceased, execute the trust and power given to the executors in the said will named*, should severally become laws of this State.



A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Justice Hobart) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, an act relative to debts due to persons within the enemy's lines, passed the 12th July, 1782,* should become a law of this State.

A petition of Frederick N. Sanders, of the city of New-York, merchant, referring to a former petition, and setting forth his being arrested previous to the passing of the insolvent act, by which his affairs are so circumstanced, as to exclude him the benefit intended by the said act, and praying the interposition of the Legislature; was read, and committed to Mr. Morris, Mr. L'Homedieu and Mr. Paine.

Mr. Stoutenburgh from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, and other purposes,* reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added a clause and a proviso thereto, altered the title in the words following, viz: *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, for enforcing the payment of fines and amerciaments, obliging Sheriffs to give security for the due execution of their offices, and for other purposes,* and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill and amendments in at the table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Roosevelt carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Pell and Mr. J. Sands) was received, with a bill for concurrence, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned,* which was read the first time, and ordered a second reading.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, November 25th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice.*

Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Mc. Dougall,
Mr. Duane,	Mr. L'Homedieu,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Townsland,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Roosevelt,
Mr. Paine,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Allison.
Mr. Gählerie,		

The bill entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned,* was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A petition of Tyrannus Collins, a Captain of militia at Balls-Town in the county of Albany, praying compensation for the time of his captivity, as also for monies advanced by him to other prisoners; and a petition of Samuel Francis, praying the benefit of the law relative to debts due within the enemy's lines, passed 12th July, 1782, were respectively read, and committed to a Committee of the whole, to be taken into consideration with the bill for the payment of certain contingent expences.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned:* After some time spent thereon, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Morris from the Committee, reported, that they had made some progress in the bill; and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. J. Livingston and Mr. Becker) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, for enforcing the payment of fines and amerciaments, obliging Sheriffs to give security for the due execution of their offices, and for other purposes,* informing that they have concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.



The said bill having been examined ;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allison return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly.  
Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A Memorial of Dinah Rapalje, of Brooklyn in Kings county, setting forth her claim to part of the estate forfeited to and vested in the people of this State, by the attainder of John Rapalje, Esq; was read, and committed to Mr. Mc Dougall, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Roosevelt, to report upon the same, at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Mr. Allison from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Gray, jun. reported, That in the opinion of the Committee, the said John Gray's petition and certificate accompanying the same, does not sufficiently avouch his being in the service of the United States or of this State, when taken prisoner ; and therefore the prayer of his petition ought not to be granted ; which report he read in his place, and delivered the same in at the table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Justice Hobart) was read, That the Council object against the bill, entitled, *An act to empower Elizabeth Debeavois, widow, Johannis E. Lott, and John Vanderbilt, Esquires, administrators to the estate of Joost Debeavois, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Joost Debeavois, for the payment of his debts, and other purposes*, becoming a law of this State :

" Because, by the said bill, " all and singular the lands, tenements and hereditaments, whereof the said Joost Debeavois died seized, are vested in the said administrators, their heirs and assigns," without reservation ; whereby the widow of the said Joost Debeavois would be deprived of her *right of dower*. And,

" Because, the surplus money arising from the sale " of the said lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate," after the payment of " the debts which were due from the said Joost Debeavois, the intestate, at the time of his decease," is to be put at interest by the administrators, " for the use and benefit of the wife and children of the said Joost," without requiring any security from the said administrators, for the faithful discharge of the additional trust intended by this bill to be reposed in them."

The Senate having considered the said objections of the Honorable the Council of Revision to the said bill, and also re-considered the bill, the President put the question, Whether the bill (notwithstanding the objections of the Council to the same) should be a law of this State ? and it passed in the negative. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the said bill be not a law of this State.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to revive and amend an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within this State, passed 17th April, 1784*, and the bill, entitled, *An act to exempt Ludewig Shoub and Peter Learman, and Jonas Denton, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, from paying any part or share of the produce of the mines therein mentioned*, should severally become laws of this State.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, reported, That they had made some farther progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 26th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.



A Petition of James Parr, praying that he and his sureties may be discharged from obligation given to the Collector of the State, for sundry goods received by him from Philadelphia, and intended for the Indian trade, was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Hardenbergh and Mr. Sickles) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, An act for granting certain privileges to the College heretofore called King's College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, pass'd the 1st day of May, 1784,* informing, that they have passed the bill with the amendments therewith delivered.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their Amendments to the bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whiting carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments to the said bill, and have amended the bill accordingly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Dougherty) was received, returning the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morris carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Dougherty) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited, on proof that such mortgages are satisfied,* informing, that they have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their amendments to the bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Paine carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them, that the Senate have concurred in the amendments to the bill, and have amended the bill accordingly.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned,* reported, that they had made some farther progress in the bill, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Veeder) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Collector for the port of New-York, suspend enforcing the payment of the money on a bond given by Prince Gorham, for duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, suggested to have been purchased at Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, by Messieurs Pepoon and Brown, William Walker and company, and Benjamin Pepoon, citizens of the said State, and brought into this State for the more easy transportation of the same to the county of Berkshire, in Massachusetts, which it is said they were designed for; and also to suspend enforcing the payment of the money on a bond given by James Parr, for duties on certain goods, wares and merchandize, suggested by him to have been carried from hence after the duties paid thereon, and to have been again brought back, for the more easy transportation of them into the Indian or western country, until the rising of the Legislature at their next meeting; and that the Legislature will indemnify him for so doing.--- and that in the interim, the said persons respectively procure such proofs, to be laid before the Legislature, at their next meeting, as may be proper to ascertain the several facts suggested in their respective memorials.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. L'Hommiedieu carry a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly. A



A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Harper) was received, returning the bill, entitled, *An act to enable the clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages, made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited, on proof that such mortgages are satisfied.*

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Clark and Mr. Doughty) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New-York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for confinement of vagrants and lewd women, to hard labour, informing that they had passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.*

One of which amendments was to expunge *women* in the title, and to substitute *persons*.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have concurred in the amendments to the bill, and have amended the bill accordingly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Visscher and Mr. Hopkins) was received, returning the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Finck carry the bill to the Honorable the Council of Revision.

Mr. Paine moved that the Senate do resolve as follows, viz.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine (in the recess of the Legislature) into the accounts of those Printers who have been employed by this State, and likewise to agree with such Printer or Printers as will engage to print upon the best and cheapest terms, which being agreed upon by the Senate. Thereupon

Ordered, That Mr. Mc. Dougall, Mr. Stoutenburgh and Mr. Roosevelt, be the Committee for that purpose.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Jno. Lawrence and Mr. C. Sands) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

Resolved, (if the Honorable the Senate concur therein) That the monument by the United States, in Congress assembled, ordered to be erected to the memory of Major-General Montgomery, be erected in the city of New-York, and at such particular place as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city, in Common Council convened, shall appoint; and that his Excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit to Timothy Pickering, Esquire, who is charged with the Superintendence thereof a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Gasheie carry a copy of the preceding resolution of concurrence to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, reported their proceedings as follows, to wit,

That Mr. Duane moved for the following clause, to be inserted in the bill, viz. "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of forfeited estates, in the Western district, to set apart and lay out certain tracts, each to contain three hundred acres of the unimproved land, within the said district, forfeited to and vested in the people of this State, for the uses and purposes following, (that is to say) One such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Trustees, for the time being, and their successors and assigns, of each of the respective Congregations of the settlement of Stone Arabia, Canajoharie, Cherry-Valley, Snells-Bush and German Flatts, in the county of Montgomery, respectively; and one such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Trustees of the Congregation of the settlement of Kingsbury, in the county of Washington, and their successors and assigns; another such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Trustees of each of the respective Congregations of the towns of Schoharie, in the county of Albany respectively, and their respective successors and assigns; another such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Dutch Church at Kingston, in the county



county of Ulster, their successors and assigns; another such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Trustees of the Reformed Dutch Church at Minisink, in the counties of Ulster and Orange, and their successors and assigns; and another such tract for the sole use and benefit of the Trustees of each of the respective Congregations of the towns or settlements of Crompond, Bedford, Poundridge and the White Plains, in the county of Westchester respectively, and their respective successors and assigns; the said towns and settlements respectively having been laid waste and desolated, and the buildings and effects of the inhabitants thereof burnt and destroyed by the enemy in the progress of the late war, whereby very many of the inhabitants of the said towns and settlements, who have survived those calamities, are reduced to poverty and distress, and stand in need of assistance to rebuild their places of public worship: Provided always, that each of the said tracts of three hundred acres of land, so to be reserved, shall respectively be of the value, as near as may be, of three hundred pounds, in the judgment of the said commissioners: Provided also, that each of the tracts hereby reserved for the respective before-mentioned Congregations in the counties of Montgomery and Albany, shall be laid out as contiguous as conveniently may be to the several settlements for whose benefit they are hereby respectively intended and appropriated." Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative, as follows, viz.

## For the Negative.

Mr. Swartwout;  
Mr. Townsend;  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu;

Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Stoutenburgh,  
Mr. Allison.

## For the Affirmative.

Mr. Galberie,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,  
Mr. Finck;

Mr. Whiting;  
Mr. Yates,  
Mr. Duane.

That Mr. Paine moved that the clause be expunged, which granted one hundred acres of land to the Trustees of the Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia. Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, in manner following, viz:

## For the Affirmative.

Mr. Swartwout;  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Paine,  
Mr. L'Hommedieu;

Mr. Yates;  
Mr. Stoutenburgh;  
Mr. Roosevelt,  
Mr. Allison.

## For the Negative.

Mr. Galberie,  
Mr. Finck,  
Mr. Mc. Dougall,

Mr. Whiting;  
Mr. Duane;

Mr. Morris further reported, that they had gone through the bill, made several amendments, added sundry clauses thereto, and agreed to the same; which report he read in his place, and delivered the bill, and amendments in at the table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Senate.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. L'Hommedieu carry the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly, and inform them that the Senate have passed the bill, with the amendments therewith delivered.

Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 27th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

And the same members as yesterday.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (transmitted by the Honorable



norable the House of Assembly) was read; That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes, for enforcing the payment of fines and amerciaments, obliging Sheriffs to give security for the due execution of their offices, and for other purposes*, should become a law of this State.

*Resolved*, (if the Honorable the House of Assembly concur herein) that Captain Lewis De La Vergne, of Amenia precinct, in Dutchess county, be, and he is hereby required to deliver unto the Honorable Ephraim Paine, Esquire, a certain chest, now in his custody, containing papers belonging to this State; and the said Lewis De La Vergne is likewise required to deliver to Mr. Paine all the printed acts and journals of the late Convention of this State, which are now in his possession."

*Resolved*, That Mr. Paine be requested, with all convenient speed to cause the said chest and papers to be safely conveyed to the Secretary's office of this State, and that the Legislature will make provision for paying the expence which shall be incurred in the premises."

*Ordered*, That Mr. Swartwout carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Ford and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) was received, concurring with the Senate in the preceding resolution.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Justice Hobart) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to amend an act, entitled, an act for granting certain privileges to the College, heretofore called Kings College, for altering the name and charter thereof, and erecting an University within this State, passed 1st May, 1784*, should become a law of this State.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Ford and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, If the Honorable the Senate concur herein, that the Commissioners appointed to manage Indian affairs, do on or before the first day of February next, exhibit to the auditor for this State an account of the expenditures on their late treaty with the Indians at Fort Stanwix, and that the auditor lay the same before the Legislature at their next meeting.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Ford and Mr. Joseph Lawrence) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, If the Honorable the Senate concur herein, that a special occasion doth exist in which the Chancellor and Judges of the Supreme Court may be elected delegates to the general Congress, and that of the Chancellor and Judges of the Supreme court, one should on this occasion be elected a delegate, in addition to those already appointed for the present year; and in case of such concurrence,

*Resolved*, That both Houses will proceed agreeable to the mode prescribed in the 30th article of the constitution, severally to nominate of the Chancellor and Judges of the Supreme Court, one as a delegate to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, on this special occasion, at such time as the Honorable the Senate shall appoint for that purpose. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution; and that they will, at four of the clock in the afternoon, proceed to such nomination.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Chancellor Livingston) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act to enable the Clerks of the respective cities and counties within this State, to cancel the records of certain mortgages, made and executed to persons whose estates are forfeited, on proof that such mortgages are satisfied*, should become a law of this State.

Then the Senate adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon.



3 o'Clock, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (by Mr. Chief Justice) was read, That the Council object against the bill, entitled, *An act for the more easy assessment of taxes in the city and county of New-York, altering the mode of punishment in certain cases of petit larceny, and for the confinement of vagrants and lewd persons, to hard labour,* becoming a law of this State;

"Because by the said bill, a power is given to the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, to confine and set to hard labour "all and every lewd person or persons, leading debauched lives, who now are, or from time to time shall come into or sojourn within the jurisdiction of the city and county of New-York," without defining what is intended by leading debauched lives, thereby putting it in the power of the said Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen to punish and imprison any person or persons, residing within the said jurisdiction, without trial or conviction, or without his, or their having committed any offence against the known laws of the land---Thus depriving, as well citizen as sojourner, entitled to protection of the benefit of a trial by jury, secured to them by the constitution, and of the Habeas Corpus law, the best and most effectual check on the despotism of magistrates.---And because the other parts of the bill had before invested the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen with full and ample powers for the punishment (on conviction) of an offender against the laws of the State, and even of extending that punishment to idle and disorderly vagrants, not having visible means of livelihood---Beyond which a regard to the liberty of the subject should not in any case extend the directionary power of the Magistrate.

The Senate having considered the objections of the Honorable the Council of Revision, to the said bill, and also reconsidered the bill, the President put the question, whether the bill (notwithstanding the objections of the Honorable the Council of Revision to the same) should be a law of this State, and it was carried in the negative. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the bill be not a law of this State.

The Senate proceeded to the nomination of a delegate, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, on this special occasion, for the present year, and the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esq. Chancellor for the State, was nominated.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esq. Chancellor for the State is nominated by this Senate, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, on this special occasion, for the present year.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Sickles) was received, with a resolution that they would meet the Senate, in the Senate chamber, at such time as they shall please to appoint, to compare the respective nominations of both Houses, of a delegate from this State in Congress, on this special occasion.

*Resolved*, That the Senate will immediately meet the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the Senate chamber, to compare the lists of a person nominated by the Senate and Assembly respectively, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, on this special occasion, for the present year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Mc. Dougall carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

The Senate and Assembly accordingly met, and the Honorable the House of Assembly having left the Senate chamber, the President informed the Senate, that, on comparing the respective lists of the Senate and Assembly, they were found to agree in the nomination of Robert R. Livingston, Esq. Chancellor for this State. Thereupon

*Resolved*, That the Honorable Robert R. Livingston, Esq. Chancellor for this State, is duly nominated a delegate, to represent this State, in the United States in Congress assembled, on this special occasion, for the present year.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. Gelston and Mr. Jeffrey Smith) was read, in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, If the Honorable the Senate concur herein, that the auditors appointed to settle the accounts of the troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, in pursuance of the act, entitled, *An act to empower the auditors appointed to liquidate and settle the accounts of the troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, to grant certificates to the troops of this State, in the service of the United States, for their pay, accrued*



accrued for the time therein mentioned, passed 6th April, 1784, desist from the settlement of the accounts of the medical department, until the further order of the Legislature; and that the Legislature will by law indemnify them for so doing.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly, in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roosevelt carry a copy of the preceding resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly (by Mr. J. Livingston and Hopkins) was received, with the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, informing that they had concurred with the Senate in their amendments to the bill, and had amended the bill accordingly.

The said bill having been examined;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roosevelt return the bill to the Honorable the House of Assembly. Then the Senate adjourned until ten of the clock on Monday morning next.

### MONDAY MORNING, November 29th, 1784.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

#### PRESENT,

ABRAHAM YATES, jun. Esq; President, *pro hac vice*.

Mr. L'Hommedieu,	Mr. Swartwout,	Mr. Paine,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Whiting,	Mr. Gaserie,	Mr. Roosevelt,	Mr. Finck,
Mr. Mc. Dougall,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Stoutenburgh,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Duane,			

A message from the Honorable the Council of Revision, (transmitted by the Honorable the House of Assembly) was read, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that the bill, entitled, *An act for the payment of certain contingent expences, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, should become a law of this State.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Livingston and Dunscomb) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the commissioners of the sale of forfeited estates, in the southern district of this State, be, and they are hereby required to suspend the sale of the house and lot of ground, in Queen-street, the tenure of Mr. John Thompson; and also the house and lot of ground at Greenwich, late the property of William Bayard, until ten days after the next meeting of this Legislature.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do not concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allison carry a copy of the preceding resolution of non-concurrence, to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Duane and Mr. Roosevelt, wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him, that unless his Excellency has farther business to lay before the Legislature, the Senate will, with the concurrence of the Honorable the House of Assembly, adjourn on this day.

Mr. Roosevelt reported, that Mr. Duane and himself had waited upon the Governor, who his Excellency was pleased to say, that he had no farther business at present to lay before the Legislature.

A message from the Honorable the House of Assembly, (by Mr. Joseph Lawrence and Mr. Sherwood) was received, and read in the words following, viz.

*Resolved*, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Legislature this day adjourn, to meet again on the third Tuesday in January next, at the City Hall, of the city of New-York.

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur with the Honorable the House of Assembly in the preceding resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whiting carry a copy of the preceding concurrent resolution to the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Then the Senate adjourned accordingly, to meet again at the City-Hall in the City of New-York, on the third Tuesday of January next.

The End of the First Meeting of the Eighth Session.

